

Judiciary Committee

Legislative Office Building

Hartford, CT 06160

Public hearing testimony: ***OPPOSE: HB-541, SB-16***

SUPPORT: SB-388, SB-5415, HB5412

Distinguished Members of the Committee,

I wish to voice my opposition to Senate Bill 16. There are many arguments that you will hear and read today, but this one solely regards the effectiveness of this, and other legislation.

The additional laws and regulations proposed regarding pistol brace firearms, aka "Other firearms" and "prebans" accounts for .7% of homicides in CT in 2020 according to FBI crime stats in 2020, the year with the most homicides in recent past, 37 out of 4766 to be precise.

For comparison, blunt objects account for over 10x that. Putting the funding, manpower, and effort in literally any other solution (socio economic primarily) would be money better spent. It also will not burden gun owners with needless, ineffective, and unconstitutional regulation, paperwork, and fees.

You can find this data here within just a few simple clicks by filtering down the relevant data presented.

<https://crime-data-explorer.app.cloud.gov/pages/explorer/crime/crime-trend>

It is clear that due diligence is not being executed by the law makers supporting and authoring these pieces of legislation to ensure the tax payer's money is not only being used effectively, but the law in whole will be effective. It is more emotional and baseless feel good legislation.

The other bills I am opposing in this session have similar poorly constructed, or baseless arguments that are not grounded in data and would be a waste of taxpayer money and the state's effort.

Stop passing legislation that divides those who understand the need that some people have for self defense and support the state constitution. DO NOT PASS SB-16.

In addition, I hope the Judiciary Committee will OPPOSE Raised H.B. No. 5416 AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

However, please SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

Please SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Please SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388 AN ACT CONCERNING THE
DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF
WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

Thank you

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